

## Make 'n Take

**Name of Make 'n Take:** Askiwina - The Power of Words  
**Theme and Topic:** Topic One - First Nations of the Land Now Known as Saskatchewan  
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**Grade:** ELA 20 – (Adapted from Grade Seven topic)  
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### Materials:

Book - "A Cree World" by Doug Cuthand (OTC Treaty Resource Kit) – Chapter Three  
Map of Saskatchewan  
Grade 7 to 12 Teaching Treaties in the Classroom Treaty Resource Guide (OTC Treaty Resource Kit)

### Procedure:

1. Introductory Lesson - Read p. 46-47 together – Modern Names Reflect the Past from *A Cree Word – Askiwina* by Doug Culthand. Discuss specific place names mentioned in selection and how they originated – Chart these.
2. Brainstorm Saskatchewan place names of Aboriginal origin. - OR - Use Appendix 7-11 (p. 63) from Grade 7 – 12 Teaching Treaties in the Classroom Resource Guide as a starting point. (Names of places in Saskatchewan derived from First Nations Languages)
3. On a map of Saskatchewan, highlight or mark each place with its meaning. Display.
4. Internet Research – Assign students to find (5? whatever number the teacher chooses) more places in Saskatchewan or Western Canada. Mark those on a map with translation.
5. Learning Log – 15 minutes of writing reflecting on what they learned. Could use guiding questions i.e. Which places did you already know the origin of? Which places did you learn about? What places do you wonder about?
6. Next Steps/Lessons – Stories of Place Name
7. Read pages 52-56 "Cities Have Roots in Aboriginal Settlements - Retell/summarize one - Present Orally or in Poster format
8. Page 57 - "Aboriginal Words Enrich Our Language" Read together and discuss
9. Create a "Dictionary" of words of aboriginal origin. Include illustrations.